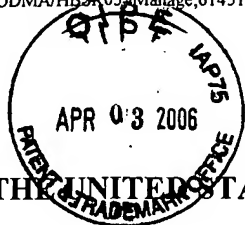


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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SMALL ENTITY

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X	\$ 100	\$
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 29, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 29, 2005, the claims of Group II (Claims 26-46) drawn to a method for sampling a biofluid are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.